

December 23, 1938

CHARLES SOMBKE

Charles Sombke, 61, a highly respected citizen of the Ferney community passed away suddenly of heart failure last Friday at his home near that place. His death was totally unexpected and it cast a great shadow of gloom among the friends and neighbors of the deceased, as well as the community in which he had made his home for many years.

Mr. Sombke was born in Berlin, Germany, December 26, 1876 and came to this state in 1888, settling near Groton. He later moved east of Ferney and has since made his home there.

On December 18, 1902, he was married to Miss Clara Hoffman, the ceremony taking place at Ferney, and to this union two children were born. Both of them survive, together with his wife, two brothers, one sister and three grand-children. The children are Mrs. Rita Erdmann, and Edward Sombke, both of Ferney; the two brothers are Albert of Verdon and Herman of Ferney; the sister, Mrs. Chris. Jensen of Groton.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2:00 from St. Paul's Lutheran church at Ferney, conducted by Rev. F. E. Wilke and the remains were laid to rest in the Ferney cemetery. Mr. Sombke was one of the devoted members of St. Paul's church at Ferney.

The entire community in which Mr. Sombke made his home for many years, deeply regrets his passing as well as a host of friends in Groton and elsewhere.